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SUBJECT: MALTESE PRIME MINISTER' S VISIT TO FRANCE

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2. IN MARCH 72 WHEN MINTOFF HAD ASKED VISITING
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3. MINTOFF VAINLY URGED THAT FRENCH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BE IN SOFT LOANS. GOF' S ONLY CONCESSION WAS TO GRANT GOM ANOTHER 5000 TONS OF WHEAT. IN AID CONTEXT MINTOFF ALSO MADE NEW PROPOSAL FOR JOINT PLANNING WITH ITALY, LIBYA AND FRANCE FOR SHIPYARD. OTHERWISE HE FOLLOWED UP ON PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE FRENCH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

4. GELADE COMMENTED THAT MINTOFF AGAIN GAVE HIM APPEARANCE OF LEVEL HEADED SERIOUSNESS, ALTHOUGH IN HIS IMPATIENCE MINTOFF USES UNCONVENTIONAL SHOCK TACTICS. TEAM OF MINTOFF, ATTARD KENGSWELL, CAMILLERI, AND MIZZI WORK WELL TOGETHER AND THOROUGHLY PREPARE THEIR CASES GELADE COMMENTED. GELADE DENIED KNOWLEDGE CONTENTS MINTOFF' S PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER. HE UNDERSTOOD THEY HAD DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST, WITH MINTOFF URGING GOF USE ITS INFLUENCE IN SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTION. MINTOFF SHOWED HIMSELF GREATLY WORRIED ABOUT M. E. SITUATION AND ALSO ABOUT DANGER THAT HIS FRIEND QADAFI MIGHT LAUNCH SOME INTEMPERATE ACTION IF THERE IS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD ARAB ISRAELI SOLUTION. IRWIN

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